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Mr. Leslie T. Rogers

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2010/11-2015/16 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

3 State, Local and Transit Elements

Amendment adds or modifies projects from the Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. The amendment includes projects funded from various programs including the Surface Transportation Program, Highway Bridge Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, Federal Earmarks, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, High Priority Projects Program, Proposition 1B – Transportation Bond Program, and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs.

See enclosure.

SCAG has certified that the amendment is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, is financially constrained, is consistent with the regional emission analysis, does not affect timely implementation of the transportation control measures, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by SCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve SCAG's Amendment No. 3. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2011 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment, in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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